

# HOPE OF CHRISTMAS PEACE IN IRELAND AND DISPELLED

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### INTENSIFY MILITARY CAMPAIGN

Ruthless Warfare Against Sinn Fein Extremists to Be Considered

(BULLETIN.)  
BY EARLE C. REEVES  
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)  
LONDON, Dec. 10.—The British government has determined to wage ruthless warfare against the Sinn Fein extremists in Ireland, but at the same time, "the wild card" Premier Lloyd George announced today in commonsense.

The premier's declaration that intensified warfare will be conducted against the Sinn Fein radicals, especially the leaders of the republican army, came as a shock to those who had hoped for peace in Ireland before Christmas.

The highlights of Premier Lloyd George's "Peace and War" speech follow:

1. Martial law will be proclaimed in the disturbed areas of Ireland and persons found bearing arms or wearing unauthorized uniforms will be liable to death.
2. The government will continue its efforts to bring about Irish peace, facilitating negotiations with responsible leaders.
3. The British government will not recognize Dail Eireann, the Sinn Fein parliament.

BY EARLE C. REEVES  
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)  
LONDON, Dec. 10.—The British government has decided to proclaim martial law in certain disturbed areas of Ireland, Premier Lloyd George today announced in the house of commons. After a certain date persons found in the martial law district with arms will be treated as rebels and will be liable to penalty of death for bearing arms against the British government.

WONT RECOGNIZE PARLIAMENT.  
Premier Lloyd George said that the British government cannot recognize Dail Eireann, the Sinn Fein parliament.

(According to recent Dublin advice, Sinn Fein leaders declared that they would repudiate all peace negotiations that were not sanctioned by Dail Eireann.)

The premier, in referring to the peace message of the Rev. Father Michael O'Flanagan, acting president of the Sinn Fein, said it was "one of the most hopeful signs of a new spirit in Ireland."

"The message from Father O'Flanagan and a message from the Galway council required great courage on the part of the writers. But these have already been repudiated."

"Those controlling the murder organization in Ireland are not ready for peace and therefore the government has decided upon a double policy," said the premier.

"We have no option but to continue and intensify the military campaign against a small but mighty organization which constitutes a desperate minority."

"On the other hand, we have no option but to encourage every agency in Ireland which is really anxious for an honorable settlement," the premier added.

WILL INFLECT DEATH PENALTY.  
In outlining the regulations in the districts covered by martial law the premier said that the death penalty would be inflicted upon persons convicted of wearing unauthorized uniforms or harboring Irish rebels.

The premier revealed that the government has replied to the recent peace message from Father O'Flanagan, acting president of the Sinn Fein, offering him all possible facilities for discussing the true situation.

At the same time, continued the premier, the government is willing to extend in other directions to assist responsible persons to discuss a truce and a settlement.

NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES FILE PETITION  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Michigan Central railway today applied to the Interstate Commerce commission for permission to guarantee a 6 per cent 10 year promissory note of the Indiana Harbor Belt line, to the amount of \$174,000, payable to the U. S. treasury for equipment loans.

The Indiana Harbor Belt line asked for permission to issue 5 per cent 20 year general mortgage bonds to the amount of \$575,000.

The New York Central Railway applied for permission to guarantee a 6 per cent ten-year note of the Indiana Harbor Belt line to the amount of \$174,000.

TERRIFIC LOT OF BOOZE SICKNESS  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—It was indicated today in a report by Secretary of the Treasury Houston to congress that there was a terrific lot of sickness in the U. S. last year that required liquor as a cure.

"Despite all safeguards with which the bureau of internal revenue has been able to surround the issuance of permits," said the report, "the aggregate volume of alcohol and intoxicating liquors withdrawn from bond in excess of comparison with recognized legitimate requirements that considerable quantities have been diverted to illicit purposes."

WILSON MAY NAME MEDIATOR  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—President Wilson is expected to name a mediator to settle differences between Armenia and the Turkish Nationalists. It was announced at the White House. This action is in response to a personal invitation from the league of nations.

Secretary Baker explained that he considered the present law left no discrimination to anyone. It provides the exact strength in officers, corps, units and men, he said, and was a departure from the recommendations of the secretary of war and of the army general staff.

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(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
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## WILL THORNTON GOES TO MEET HIS MAKER AT MIDNIGHT

### 1. HARBOR NEGRO GOES TO THE CHAIR

Doomed Man Electrocuted in State Prison Shortly After Midnight

(By a Staff Correspondent.)  
MICHIGAN CITY, IND., Dec. 10.—Will Thornton of Indiana Harbor, had negro, who killed Nick Kish also of Indiana Harbor on the 13th of last June, paid the extreme penalty of the law eight minutes after midnight and died gamely in the electric chair in the death house at Michigan City prison.

The electrocution was a success in every grewsome particular, and was conducted with unusual impressiveness and dexterity. Shortly before midnight the condemned man was noticed that his hour had come and he faced it with remarkable stoicism. He received spiritual consolation from Rev. Father Rachwitz, a Catholic priest. His last day was a particularly lonely and pathetic one, for not a soul in the world came to bid him goodbye. At midnight the electrocution officials having conducted satisfactory tests of the death apparatus, announced that all was in readiness and at two minutes past twelve the death march began, the doomed man keeping a firm step through the corridors with his spiritual adviser and prison officials. The adjustments were deftly made and the signal given. At eight minutes past midnight doctors pronounced life extinct. The doomed man refused to make any statement whatever, and went to his death with his lips sealed regarding his crime. He informed the prison officials a few hours before his death that his wife was in the woman's prison at Indianapolis. At three o'clock this afternoon the remains of Thornton were interred in the prison cemetery.

Thornton was sentenced to death by Judge Martin Smith of Crown Point, Ind., after being convicted of the atrocious murder. He and his wife and Fred Horn held up Nick Kish and Thornton killed him. The wife and Horn were sent up for highway robbery. Governor Goodrich gave Thornton a 30 day stay of sentence until his story could be investigated. The time was up Thursday and further reprieve was refused.

The trial judge, in his statement of the case, says there is no doubt in his mind to Thornton's guilt of the crime of murder in the first degree.

Thornton, according to Horn's sworn statement, had stopped Kish with a view of robbing him and when the latter refused to put up his hands, killed him.

### THE LAST WORDS OF FIVE MURDERERS

Crowds of Morbid Gather to Hear Last Details of Electrocution

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
OSBISING, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Sobbing relatives and a small crowd of morbidly curious gathered in front of the grim gates of Sing Sing early today to hear the details of how five criminals died the death decreed by law. Here are the last words of each:

Joseph ("Cotton") Lester, 32—"Gentlemen, you see an innocent man die tonight. Warden, I thank you."

Howard Baker—"Well, boys, goodbye. Charles McLaughlin—"Well, goodbye boys. God bless you all. I got the old smile on my face yet. A little tighter, please." (The last remark was addressed to the men strapping him to the death chair.)

Joseph Milano—"Goodbye boys. I'm through."

James P. ("Bull") Cassidy—"I know I done wrong in every shape and form, and I pay for it now. Hello, warden, back here. I see you, old timer."

All five were convicted of murder.

### WHITING CARS IN COLLISION

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
WHITING, Ind., Dec. 10.—A collision occurred at Sheridan avenue and the 118th street alley on Wednesday evening, when Glenn Butcher bumped into the Franklin sedan of Russell F. Smith. Smith was going south on Sheridan, while Butcher was west bound, coming out of the alley, which however, is a dangerous spot. Butcher used his horn plentifully, but was travelling at a high rate of speed and hit the front of Smith's car, turned it around and it hit the telephone pole. Outside of bent up fenders and bumpers little damage was done, which however, was a very fortunate occurrence, considering that no one was injured and both cars were able to be driven off.

### FOUR LIQUOR VIOLATORS TAKEN

Four Gary men, Jos. Daknes, 1837 W. 12th avenue, John Kulbeckis, 1620 W. 15th avenue, Chas. Daniel, and Luis Jeluch, 1314 Adams street, were arrested in four separate raids yesterday on charges of violating the state liquor law. They all furnished a \$1,000 real estate bond for their appearance in the city court.

### DOC WILL GET OUT FOR XMAS

Witchhealer Sent to County Jail for Dispensing Booze Today

"Doctor" Andrew Vidkowski, Hammond's witchhealer, will not be at home until Christmas. This information is given in order that Doc's patients may look elsewhere for treatment. Until Christmas Doc will be the guest of Mr. Lewis Barnes who runs a place, commonly termed a jail, at Crown Point.

Andy was found guilty yesterday in the Hammond city court of having intoxicated liquor in his possession. The court decided that a fine of \$100 and costs with 30 days in jail would be about right, but on second thought he cut the sentence down to 15 days in order that Andy might be out of the house for Christmas.

The healer started serving time today, but before leaving Hammond he paid his fine and costs which totaled \$130. Whether his practice will stop altogether during his confinement remains to be seen for Doc is Versatile. Absent treatment is one of his accomplishments along with hypnotism, "making medicine" and the transfer of disease from bodies of humans to those of lower animals.

No action has been taken against Vidkowski by the medical profession of Lake County for practicing medicine without a license, although the matter is under consideration.

### THREE ARE LYNCHED IN CALIFORNIA

Mob of 100 Disdains to Wait for Law to Be Carried Out

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Dec. 10.—Disdaining the processes of the law, a mob of 100 men swooped down on the Sonoma county jail early today, forcibly seized George Boyd, Terence Pitts and Charles Valente, alleged slayers of Sheriff James A. Petray, Miles Jackson and Lester Dorman and hanged them from the limb of a tree in a cemetery three-quarters of a mile from town. Boyd, Pitts and Valente were at the points of a dozen revolvers and have been brought into court today.

The pieces of Sheriff John M. Boyes, successor to the slain sheriff, James E. Petray, that the law be allowed to punish the three prisoners were unheeded. The mob apparently unorganized, stormed the jail, posted members of the mob in the yard, overpowered Sheriff Boyes and the points of a dozen revolvers and took the keys. Then they unlocked the cells and removed Boyd, Pitts and Valente.

Fifteen minutes later the bodies of the men were hanging from the same limb of a tree projecting over the fence of the grave yard.

### OLDS MAKES SOME APPOINTMENTS

CROWN POINT, IND., Dec. 10.—It is reported that W. H. Olds has appointed William Burros of Gary as warden in the Lake county jail to take the place of Thomas Platt who will become a riding bailiff in the criminal court. Mr. Burros is a negro and was given the job thru his activity in the recent campaign. It is rumored that outside these changes the force in the sheriff's office at Crown Point will remain the same. Herman Huseman will still be turnkey at the jail, a position that he has filled since the term of office of George Lawrence.

### PREDICTS U. S. WORLD POWER

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The U. S. will be the major naval power in the world in 1923 unless Great Britain makes changes in her naval program, Secretary of the Navy Daniels said today in commenting on press dispatches that Great Britain has deferred her program of capital ship construction until the entire question of naval strength is settled.

Secretary Daniels stated he was interested in reported agitation in England for a navy equal to the combined strength of the U. S. and Japanese navies. He said he would discuss this question with the house naval affairs committee next week when he appears to take up the question of the American naval program.

### A SERIOUS CHARGE

Kenneth O. Dibble, 719 Sohl street, Hammond, is being held by Hammond police charged with passing worthless checks. The check on which the arrest was made was signed by "Frank Allen," and written to "Frank Britton." The endorsement of "Allen" appeared on the back. It was for \$46.50 and is believed to be only one of a number passed by Dibble under different names.

### WILSON ACCEPTS NOBEL PRIZE

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—President Wilson today called his acceptance of the Nobel peace prize. The president directed the American minister to Norway to accept the award of the committee on his behalf.

### CROOKS PUT IN A BUSY NIGHT HERE

Crooks were busy in Hammond last night.

Reports this morning showed that three men were held up on the streets, three homes were robbed, attempts were made on at least two more homes, an automobile was stolen and a store window was smashed to accomplish the theft of two revolvers.

Police were also busy. The man who robbed the store is in custody. A man believed to have been implicated in the holdups was found and the automobile was found and several suspicious characters are now being quizzed.

The home of Forest Cassidy, 568 Sibley street, was entered some time after 11 o'clock. Mr. Cassidy had left his trousers in the dining room. The thief managed to open a window which had been nailed down. He stole a gold watch which was in the pocket of the trousers, but disdained to take 8 cents from another pocket. Tracks in the ground under the window indicated that the burglar has large feet.

T. Sibley broke the back window in the Holmquist residence at 304 Sibley street at 3:30 o'clock. He escaped with a lady's wrist watch, a ring and a mesh bag, all valued at \$35.

Mrs. Frank Letz, 219 Sibley street, was aroused at 3 o'clock by noises in a neighboring room. She arose and was in time to see a man escaping through the dining room window. It was found that he had taken a check for \$12 and \$2 in cash.

E. Sonneborn and George Douglas, two Erie switchmen were held up at the Douglas street crossing over the Erie tracks shortly after midnight. Two masked men, a gun stopped them and relieved Sonneborn of a gold watch and \$25 and took an Ingersoll watch from Douglas. The stickups were young and appeared green at the game.

J. C. Lawrence, who rooms at 6608 Truman avenue, was held up by two men on Indiana avenue, about half a block east of Calumet avenue. The robbers took \$5 from him. This was at 10 o'clock.

The display window of the Charles Lesser jewelry store, 65 State street, was found smashed at 11 o'clock. The proprietor reported the loss to be \$1,000. Later Officer Beasley caught Clem Brooks, a negro, who stays at the Swift camp in West Hammond. He had the guns in his possession.

Officer Byrdell brought in a man at 3:30 o'clock. He had found the fellow standing in the shadow of the Baptist church on Sibley street. He said he lived in Chicago. His first story was that he had been sitting in a poker game until 2 o'clock and was on his way home. He refused to name the place other than that it was about three blocks from the church. He said he didn't wish to see the other fellow arrested. To Captain Bunde he told a different tale. A gold watch which he carried is being traced.

The automobile stolen was the new sport model Chandler of Walter Rose, 178 Clark street. It was taken from in front of his home last night between 7 and 11 o'clock. This morning it was found at 154th place, West Hammond, found the car in front of his place. It had been nearly ruined by fire which was still smoldering. The gears seemed jammed for two horses were barely able to drag it along the road.

Several other men were picked up by the police and are being quizzed regarding their presence on the streets at such late hours.

### SCHOOL GIRL SERIOUSLY INJURED

The condition of Vera Scrobell, 15 year old Froebel school student, of Gary, who was knocked down by a car driven by Elizabeth Grigor last Monday, remains the same. The victim's left leg is seriously injured and there is a probability that the injury may cause Miss Scrobell to limp even after she has recovered from the accident.

When interviewed by a Times reporter yesterday, Miss Scrobell stated that Elizabeth Grigor did not stop the machine which she was driving, when Miss Scrobell alighted from a car. She also stated that an officer helped her to her feet after the accident and since that time, he has called at her home and taken the details of the accident.

Miss Scrobell has engaged the law firm of Stiles and Stagoski to represent her in a suit for damages. In the meantime Miss Scrobell will be removed to the Mercy Hospital, where an X-ray will be taken of the injured limb.

### MAY SETTLE CABLE SQUABBLE

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Justice Sanford, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, was today informed that negotiations between the government and the Western Union, in an effort to reach an agreement on the controversy over cable connections at Miami, Fla., had failed. An agreement had been sought that would permit the laying of certain cable connections at Miami on the basis of a promise that no effort would be made to connect these cables with the proposed Barbados line. As a result of the failure of the negotiations, Justice Sanford permitted the filing of a bill in the Western Union's application for injunction proceedings.

### SAYS SPAIN FINANCES HER EMIGRANTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Representative Knutson of Minnesota, charged in the house today that foreign governments are financing some of the huge emigration from their countries to the U. S. He asserted that Spain was among these.

"We cannot permit the foreign governments to dump upon us their anarchists, bolsheviks and communists," he said.

### NEW YORK STARTING WAGE CUT

Reductions Affect Half Million Workers Steel Mills Soon to Follow

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Wage cuts affecting half a million workers, amounting to from 10 to 22 per cent, have been made or have been decided upon by employers throughout the country during the past week, tabulations showed today.

Heading the list was that decided upon today by the textile mills of Massachusetts and New York, amounting to 22 1/2 per cent and affecting 309,996 workers.

The clothing manufacturers of New York City have decided upon a new wage scheme, affecting some 65,000 employees, that will result in a saving of more than 20 per cent in manufacturing costs. This is being resisted by a newly constituted Needle Workers Alliance of 400,000 union employees.

The California cotton mills, following the eastern lead, have reduced wages ten per cent and some 1,200 employees are out of work at Oakland.

The Tennessee Copper Co. and the Dick Town Sulphur, Copper and Iron Co., at Copperhill, Tenn., have reduced wages 10 per cent.

The Tyer Rubber Co., Andover, Mass., which has been on a three days a week working basis, with 539 men, reduced wages 10 per cent.

These examples, all taken from dispatches within 24 hours, could be multiplied by listing similar cuts elsewhere within the last week.

Some plants have duplicated the action of the Auto-Lite Co., Toledo, O., with 450 employees, which has closed down. In other instances, it has been customary for a lowered wage scale to be put into operation upon re-opening.

Dispatches from Pittsburgh indicate that steel mills throughout the country will reduce wages when there has been a substantial lowering of the cost of living.

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, with 31,000 employees, which made its last two bonuses of 10 per cent each contingent upon the abnormal cost of living remaining high, has decided to eliminate the last bonus of 10 per cent early in 1921, if the cost of living has gone down sufficiently.

### SHOWS UP HUSBAND IN HER COMPLAINT

Gladys Lavolette Files Cross Complaint in Divorce Proceedings

Gladys Lavolette, of East Chicago, came back strong today with a cross complaint in the divorce proceedings which her husband, Lawrence, instituted last month in the Hammond Superior court.

They separated November 5th, and the complaint which the wife filed stated that Gladys refused to get up and cook breakfasts and added further that she kept herself and the house in such a filthy condition that it was almost impossible for him to stay in the same rooms with her.

Gladys tells a different story. She says that when they were married on December 22, 1919, Lawrence took her to a dark basement to live, telling her that he could not afford better quarters. She enumerated the clothes which he bought for her during the year as a coat, two pairs of shoes, two pairs of white slippers, two skirts and two waists.

Lawrence was a poor provider, according to her story. Frequently in order to get enough to eat, she says she went to the home of her aunt at Stiglitz Park. On such occasions, Lawrence would generally drop around also and live off of the aunt for several days, much to his wife's embarrassment.

In October the husband went to Michigan leaving his wife destitute in the basement home. On November 1st, he returned and told her he had had the marriage annulled. To prove it he took her to the East Chicago police station and handed a letter to a man in uniform. This supposed officer read the letter and told Mrs. Lavolette that her husband's statement was true and that they had better live apart henceforth. She has been living with her aunt since then.

Mrs. Lavolette asks for \$400 alimony and the restoration of her maiden name, Gladys Montel. She is being represented by Attorneys Green & Dwyer of Whiting.

### FINDS GOLD NUGGETS IN HIS COAL BIN

WESTER, MARK, Dec. 10.—Anything to make wiggle. That's the plan of George Cokewell, a shoe cobbler, believes the coal barons have adopted as the result of his finding two gold nuggets, weighing 14 ounces each in his coal bin.

### SOCIAL UNREST BLAMED ON HIGH COST OF DRESS

Revolution Predicted if the Styles are Not Modified. Hindrance to Marriage

MUNCIE, IND., Dec. 10.—"Unless women modify their dress so as to reduce the cost to meet economic conditions, we shall face a revolution more terrible than the French revolution," it was asserted by Dr. E. L. House, a psychologist, speaking to an audience yesterday afternoon in the First Baptist church.

"Are women becoming mad over dress?" he asked. "All notions of propriety are being swept to the winds. There is a revolt against all styles and the whole world is being searched for oddities that will make women more distinct in their attire."

MEN ONCE WERE RIVALS  
"There was a time when man vied with woman for distinctiveness of style. Then he had silver buckles and silk stockings, knee trousers and wigs. After the French revolution, plain dress again came into vogue, but after a time wives of the more well-to-do found time heavy upon their hands and began to add 'extras' to their clothes, each striving to be more distinct than her sisters."

"Until woman is married, life is to her a battleground, and she fights for her man. Every woman thinks she must step ahead of every other woman if she is to attract her mate and so she seeks vagaries in costume which have brought about the present unusual displays of dress among the young women."

### Police Scour Country For Kidnappers

Police of all neighboring cities and of Racine, Wis., has been notified to be on the lookout for pretty 6 year old Pauline Pillman who was kidnapped yesterday morning from the home of her stepmother at 712 Chicago avenue shortly after the father, Frank Pillman, had left for his place of employment.

Three women and one man who composed the party of kidnappers, are believed to be immediate relatives. Pillman's divorced wife and mother of the child, Mrs. Pauline Pillman, of Racine, Wis., is believed to have led the kidnapping party. She had been holding the child in defiance of a Valparaiso court order, until Wednesday, when Pillman in company with Attorney Bailey of Valparaiso, went to Racine and secured the child at the school house which she had been attending.

The child's mother, who was 40 years old when Pillman was granted a divorce from Pauline Pillman, formerly a Miss Crocker.

In the meantime Pillman remarried and has another child, Virginia, three years old.

### GET JUDGMENT AGAINST PENN. RY.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
CROWN POINT, IND., Dec. 10.—Mrs. J. W. Arnett, formerly of Crown Point, but now living in Central Indiana, was awarded a judgment for \$4,000 in the Porter county court today. Mrs. Arnett sued the Pennsylvania railroad several years ago, claiming the death of her husband, a mail clerk on that road, was caused through the car in which he was working being poorly heated and as a result he contracted pneumonia, which caused his death.

Mrs. Arnett was given the same judgment in the circuit court here a couple of years ago, but owing to a technicality the decision was reversed. Her many friends in Crown Point, will be glad to hear she was given that sum.

### SPECIAL JUDGE TO TRY GARY MAN

LA PORTE, IND., Dec. 10.—Judge Harry L. Crumacker of LaPorte was today appointed special judge to hear the case of Christopher Carter, pastor of the Michigan City Mt. Olive Baptist church, charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, W. E. Cook. Carter was employed as a mail carrier when Cook, who was editor of the Defender and Sun, was slain at Gary several months ago. Carter has since been confined in the Lake county jail at Crown Point.

### CROWN POINT LOSES TO GARY

The Crown Point American Legion basketball quintet lost their first game of the season at the Gary Y. M. C. A. in Gary last night when the Gary post of the American Legion basket peggers rolled up the large end of a 25-18 score. The game was witnessed by 200 fans. Next week the Gary post is scheduled to play the Culver Military five at the Y gym.

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